

AACPS Middle School Summer Reading

Suggested reading for students entering grades **6 • 7 • 8** in **2021**

entering Grade 6

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat

The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge
by M.T. Anderson & Eugene Yelchin

Breadcrumbs by Anne Ursu

Code Word Courage by Kirby Larson

Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library
by Chris Grabenstein

Greenglass House by Kate Milford

Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson

Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Merci Suarez Changes Gears
by Meg Medina

Pay Attention, Carter Jones
by Gary D. Schmidt

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

The Poison Eaters: Fighting Danger and Fraud in Our Food and Drugs
by Gail Jarrow

Raymie Nightingale by Kate DiCamillo

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell

The Seventh Wish by Kate Messner

Sanity and Tallulah by Molly Brooks

Slacker by Gordon Korman

A Tangle of Knots by Lisa Graff

They Called Us Enemy
by George Takei, Justin Eisinger,
Steven Scoot, & Harmony Becker

This Was Our Pact by Ryan Andrews

entering Grade 7

Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

City of Secrets by Victoria Ying

Closed for the Season by Mary Dowling Hahn

Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Family Romanov by Candace Fleming

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

The Impossible Rescue by Martin Sandler

It Ain't So Awful, Falafel by Firoozeh Dumas

The Last Dragonslayer by Jasper Fforde

Listen, Slowly by Thanhha Lai

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish
by Pablo Cartaya

The Next Great Pauli Fink by Ali Benjamin

No Place for Monsters by Kory Merritt

Pashima by Nidhi Chanani

Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas
by Jim Ottaviani and Maris Wicks

Roll with It by Jamie Sumner

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky
by Kwame Mbalia

We will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement that Defied Adolf Hitler
by Russell Freedman

When Friendship Followed Me Home
by Paul Griffin

entering Grade 8

City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab

The City on the Other Side by Mairghread Scott

Discovering Wes Moore by Wes Moore

Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams

The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science
by Joyce Sidman

Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Left Out by Tim Green

42 Is Not Just a Number: The Odyssey of Jackie Robinson, American Hero
by Doreen Rappaport

A Monster Calls by Patrick Nes

The Nest by Kenneth Oppel

Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

Posted by John David Anderson

Queen of the Sea by Dylan Meconis

Sal and Gabi Break the Universe
by Carlos Hernandez

Shackleton: Antarctic Odyssey by Nick Bertozzi

Ten Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original "Girl" Reporter, Nellie Bly by Deborah Noyes

Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian

School Football Team by Steve Sheinkin

Votes for Women!: American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot by Winifred Conkling
Why'd They Wear That?:

Fashion as the Mirror of History by Sarah Albee

★ Remember

- ★ All reading need not be difficult.
- ★ You can develop fluency and improve your rate of reading with "fun" books.
- ★ Some books with familiar vocabulary and style reveal surprisingly complex themes and ideas.
- ★ Expand your background knowledge and vocabulary with newspapers, magazines, biographies, and informational books. Nonfiction is great!

The titles on this list are suggestions and other books may be substituted. Ask your librarian for recommendations.



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